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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, before line 5, please insert the following:

**Related Applications**

This application is a national stage application (under 35 U.S.C. 371) of  
PCT/EP2003/006838 filed June 27, 2003 which claims benefit to German application Serial No.  
102 29 763.0 filed July 3, 2002.

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Please amend the paragraph at the bottom of page 3 through the top of page 4 of the specification as follows:

As catalysts for the last catalyst zone, in which the molar ratio of sulfur to nickel is 0.5 or more, preference is given to using catalysts of this type as described in FR-A 2 641 477, ~~EP-A 272 907~~ EP-A 272 970, US-A 3,959,400 or US-A 4,511,750, in particular those having a molar ratio of sulfur to nickel of more than 0.8 and very particularly preferably those having a molar ratio of sulfur to nickel of greater than or equal to 1.